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Attorney General Frosh Releases a Special Message In Honor of Earth Day

Baltimore, MD (April 22, 2016) -- Attorney General Brian Frosh today released a video message in honor of Earth Day. Protecting the environment and Maryland's natural resources has been a top priority for Attorney General Frosh and the Office of Attorney General.

"Our environment and natural resources are treasures that are entrusted to us, and I think we have an obligation to make sure that these gifts can be passed on to our children and their children," Attorney General Frosh said in his video message. "It's a trust that I take very seriously, and as Attorney General, I will make sure that every man, woman and child in the State of Maryland continues to have clean water to drink, and clean air to breathe."

The full video can be viewed here: <http://bit.ly/AGFroshEarthday>

Attorney General Frosh joined attorneys general from across the nation to combat climate change, and to defend the federal Environmental Protection Agency's "Clean Power Plan" against legal challenge. The coalition filed a brief defending President Obama's Clean Power Plan rule, which establishes a nationwide framework to achieve meaningful and cost effective reductions of carbon-dioxide emissions from power plants, the largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions in the nation, and provides States and power plants flexibility to decide how best to achieve these reductions.

In addition, Attorney General Frosh and his office announced opposition to drilling in the Outer Continental Shelf last year, submitting written comments to the Interior Department in March 2015 arguing that Maryland's natural resources would be degraded at every step in the unnecessary and unwise process of exploring for oil and gas in the Atlantic. Many segments of Maryland's economy would be placed at risk from the proposal, he noted, from the \$4 billion mid-Atlantic fisheries to the \$1 billion in tourism spending in Ocean City and Worcester County. The now-abandoned plan would have allowed rigs as close as 50 miles off the coasts of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Attorney General Frosh has a long record of championing environmental laws, and continues to be a top priority for his office.